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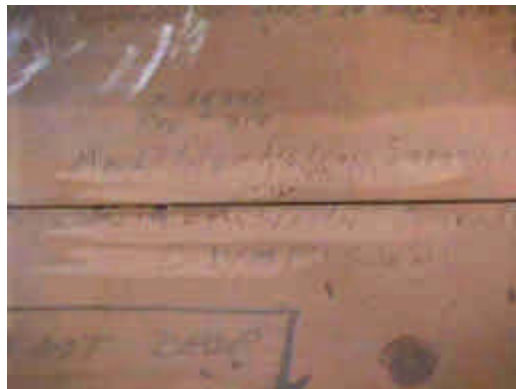
Washington State Legislative Building Rehabilitation Project

Hi Folks:

1. Hillside Stabilization

David Scott tells me that the work is proceeding ahead of schedule and that most of the hauling should be completed this week. You've probably noticed that the flow of trucks has diminished and that things have calmed down a bit. Our friends at the Temple have indicated that disruption was at a minimum and that watching the work was interesting.

2. Mystery Time Capsule



Most of you have probably heard about our mystery time capsule story. There's been a lot of activity in the news media and I've attached a few web links that tell our story.

www.komotv.com/stories/19550.htm

[http://www.kuow.org/Full_News_Story.asp?NewsPage_Action=Find\('ID','908'\)&NewsPage_Position=FILE%3AORD%3AABS%3A2KEY%3A908PAR%3A](http://www.kuow.org/Full_News_Story.asp?NewsPage_Action=Find('ID','908')&NewsPage_Position=FILE%3AORD%3AABS%3A2KEY%3A908PAR%3A)

<http://www.theolympian.com/home/news/20020726/frontpage/20936.shtml>

The pace and intensity of this story rose and fell in a matter of days. Our discovery of the crate actually took place in early June, 2002 when Dave Boyer was actively involved in cleaning out the building for the contractor. He was working in the empty space under the south-west corner "mini-dome" and found the crate pushed against

a wall. Dave reports that he had noticed the box before, but never paid much attention to it because there were no markings visible. When Dave moved to crate to move it out of the “mini-domes”, he noticed the writing on the box that indicated it contained a time capsule. We had the box moved down into GA field office in the Flag Circle and it sat there for a month while we concentrated on other aspects of the project.

We then started getting some inquiries from radio, newspaper and TV reporters that heard about this crate. There was tremendous curiosity about the history of the crate – and a real push to “open the box”. We need to give credit to our Project Director – Pat McLain – who has a background and interest in anthropology. She emphasized the importance of documenting artifacts and in taking a thoughtful approach to determining “next steps”. Me – I wanted to take a crowbar to the crate and find out what was inside. But I exercised self-control (under threat of pain from Pat) and have come to appreciate the steps we have taken.

Even though most of the mystery is “resolved, I continue to hear from folks that want to “tell their story”. This story has displayed the highest level of energy for this project since the Nisqually earthquake. I think the “mystery” is a key element, but I also think this story has touched all the human elements – the hands and efforts of folks from the history of the building that have faded from memory. The telling of this story has given us the opportunity to meet – up close – those folks that were involved 50 years ago.

There are a couple of additional “nuggets” of information. First – on the subject of the Northwest Lead Co. In April 1920 Bunker Hill Mining Company acquired 50% interest in the Seattle based Northwest Lead Company. This company manufactured lead plumbing supplies, white lead and other commodities, and furnished an outlet for a portion of the lead produced at the Bunker Hill smelter. Northwest Lead Company joined with Eagle-Picher Lead Company to form the Associated Lead & Zinc Company on February 27, 1948. In August 1956 Bunker Hill purchased the balance of the stock in Northwest Lead and this became the Sales & Fabrication Division; in December 1956, it purchased the Eagle-Picher interest which became Bunker Hill Chemical Products Division. We’ve been contacted by a Mr. Lou Weiss. He was the sales manager for Northwest Lead and doesn't remember this capsule being produced. He remembers another one for a site in west Seattle. He did have information about the company - it was located on Harbor Island but the island was declared a “superfund site” and completely rebuilt. So no evidence of Northwest Lead, other than the time capsules, remains.

Second – We’ve been advised that the time capsule might have is listed on the “Nine Most Wanted Time Capsules” list issued by the International Time Capsule Society. We’ve contacted their organization and advised them of our find. Here’s a link through the Oglethorpe University web site:

www.oglethorpe.edu/itcs/9mostwanted.htm

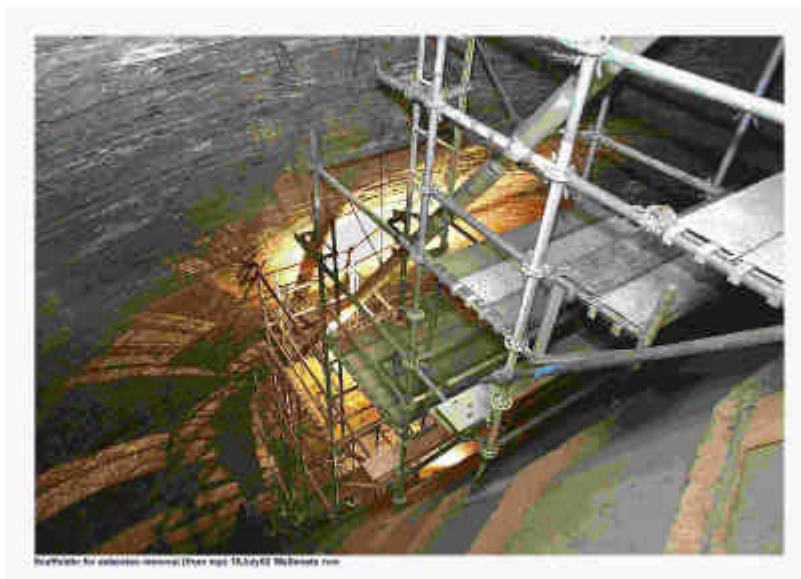
Our next steps – since we now know that the time capsule is valuable we've placed it in a secure location. We'll be consulting with State Archives, the State Historical Society and others as to its temporary and permanent disposition. We'll keep everyone posted on this interesting subject.

3. Activities in the Leg Building

Work continues on two major efforts in the Leg Building.

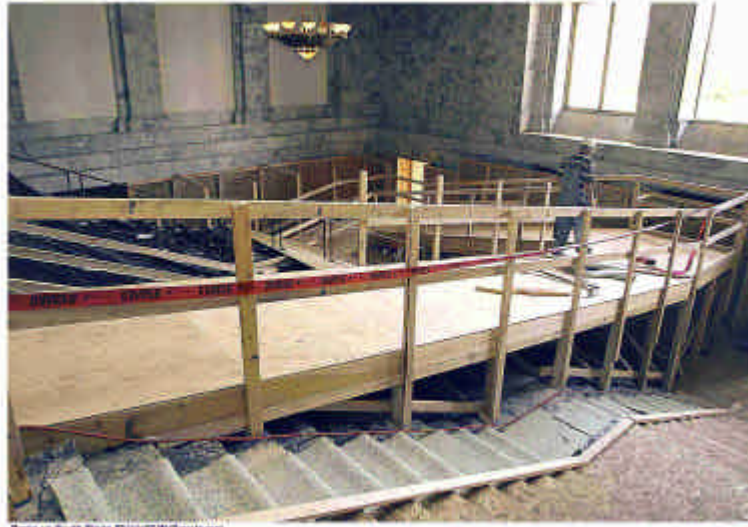
First – Work continues in removing asbestos from the rain drains in the upper part of the building. As they continue to assemble scaffolding around the interior areas of the dome, we are amazed at the skill of this crew in moving around in tight areas.

I've included a picture that show the “artwork” of erecting scaffolding in those high and tight places (photos courtesy of Dick Milligan). This first one is the view from the top of the interior cone (the structure between the outer dome and inner dome) looking down on the scaffolding



Second – Work continues in protecting the marble and decorative finishes in the building. Protective walls and stairs have been built in the rotunda, up the stairs and in hallways. This work will continue into August. I've included a few updated pictures showing the progress of the protection.





weaknesses in the wall and we wanted to see if the marble panels on these walls would require any additional reinforcement. The marble panels on sections of the walls that were not cracked performed great. The pull test exceeded design-level requirements. The panels on cracked segments of walls did not perform as well. This information is being analyzed and design decisions will be made about wall strengthening and marble attachment.



Thanks for your continued interest and please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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